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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES-ARTICLE III, SECTION 2, AMERICAN  
CULTURAL SPECIALISTS

1. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT INFORM MS. MAXINE MAHON, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, CALIFORNIA BALLET COMPANY (8276 RONSON ROAD, SAN DIEGO, CALIF., TELE 714-560-5676) THAT COUNCIL FOR SOCIALIST CULTURE AND EDUCATION HERE HAS ACCEPTED, IN NOTE DATED MARCH 19, EMBASSY'S NOMINATION OF MS. MAHON AS VISITING CULTURAL SPECIALIST UNDER PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES FOR PERIOD APRIL 27-JUNE 30, 1975. AT THE SAME TIME, PLEASE INFORM MS. MAHON THAT CAO WILL REPLY TO HER LETTER OF MARCH 8 WITH COPY TO DEPARTMENT SOONEST.

2. DEPARTMENT WILL WANT TO INFORM REP. LIONEL VAN DEERLIN (2427 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING) WHO, IN LETTER DATED MARCH 12 TO CAO RECEIVED HERE MARCH 20, REQUESTED "ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE STATUS" OF MS. MAHON'S "APPLICATION" TO "PARTICIPATE IN A CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM." IN RESPONSE TO CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY, DEPARTMENT MAY WANT TO NOTE THAT MS. MAHON WILL, DURING HER APPROXIMATELY SIXTY-DAY PROGRAM, STUDY BALLET WITH NATIONAL BALLET COMPANY HERE, VISIT SEVERAL OTHER LOCALITIES TO OBSERVE ORGANIZATION OF STATE-SUPPORTED DANCE PROGRAM, AND SERVE AS RESOURCE ON AMERICAN  
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COMMUNITY DANCE COMPANIES. DURING HER STAY IN ROMANIA,

SHE WILL BE SUPPORTED BY COUNCIL HERE. OFFICIAL PROGRAM IS FOLLOW-UP TO PRIVATE VISIT MS. MAHON MADE HERE DURING SUMMER 1974.

3. POST WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT RECONSIDER POST REQUEST TO AWARD MS. MAHON SMALL GRANT FOR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FROM POST CU ALLOCATION IN \$300-500 RANGE. CONSIDERING FACT THAT SHE IS PAYING COSTS HER INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FROM PERSONAL FUNDS AND WILL REPRESENT VALUABLE PROGRAM RESOURCE HERE (AS WELL AS FIRST U.S. PARTICIPATION THIS PORTION OF PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES NOT CONNECTED WITH USIA EXHIBITS IN SEVERAL YEARS) WE CONSIDER THIS MINIMUM SUPPORT APPROPRIATE IF ONLY AS GESTURE OF SUPPORT. FUNDS WOULD BE USED TO ALLOW MS. MAHON TO BRING BOOKS, RECORDS, AND OTHER DANCE-RELATED MATERIALS FOR USE IN HER CONTACTS WITH OFFICIALS AND ARTISTS HERE. ALTERNATE SUGGESTIONS RECENTLY RECEIVED FROM CU/EE ARE, IN OUR VIEW, DIFFICULT TO IMPLEMENT AND HAVE NOT WORKED SUCCESSFULLY IN THE PAST.

4. PLEASE REQUEST MS. MAHON TO INFORM POST HER ARRIVAL SCHEDULE (DATE, TIME AND FLIGHT) THROUGH DEPARTMENT AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF HER ARRIVAL HERE SO THAT COUNCIL CAN MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.  
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